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FARMINGTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO USING THE INTERNET TO ENTICE A MINOR TO HAVE SEX AND RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

RE: UNITED STATES v. JOSEPH E. HACKROTT

Terrance P. Flynn, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that Joseph E. Hackrott, age 28, of Farmington, New York, pled guilty in front of the Honorable Michael A. Telesca, United States District Court Judge, to receiving child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2252A(a)(2), which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 20 years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine, and to also using an interstate facility to entice a minor to have illegal sexual activity, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2422(b), which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum of 30 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that between June 2005 and July 2005, the defendant engaged in internet chats with an individual he believed to be a thirteen year-old female who was residing in the Rochester, New York area. During the internet chats, the defendant had sexually explicit conversations with the thirteen year old female in which he described sexual conduct he intended to perform with the minor in the future. On July 8, 2005, the

defendant traveled to the Marketplace Mall in Henrietta, New York to meet with the 13 year old girl. He was subsequently arrested by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Thereafter, Hackrott's home computer was then seized. More than 600 images of child pornography were discovered on the computer and CD Roms which he owned. The defendant received images over the internet. Some of the child pornography images depicted prepubescent minors or minors under twelve years old, and portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. The defendant had also distributed child pornography images in return for additional images.

The defendant's anticipated sentencing range is between 210 months and 240 months imprisonment.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Laurie J. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Patrick M. O'Flynn.

Sentencing for the defendant is scheduled for September 12, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.

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